REMARKS

In light of the remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 and 8-20 are pending in this application.

Claims 1-4 and 8-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sun (Published U.S. Application 2004/0160532) in view of Taniguchi (U.S. Patent 6,834,155).

As noted by the Examiner, Applicant previously argued that the present invention is patentable over the prior art because it prohibits updating for a short period when a pause begins (while the video data is being transferred) and then resumes updating even though the pause is still in effect. In response, the Examiner contends this limitation/feature is not explicitly recited in the claims and was therefore not considered. (Office Action page 2) Applicant has now amended the claims to recite this feature and believe the previous argument should now be considered.

Specifically, the present claims now recite "wherein, when said first external operation is performed, the read/write unit transfers all the video data temporarily stored in the storage unit to the external storage medium, <u>prohibits sequential updating of the storage unit until all the video data has been transferred</u> to the external storage medium, <u>resumes sequential updating after all the video data has been transferred even though the first external operation is still being performed</u>, and reads the video data from the external storage medium according to the second external operation." (Claim 1; Claim 15 contains similar limitations) As previously argued, this prohibition feature is disclosed in paragraph 42 of the specification. When the first external operation is

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performed (e.g. the pause button is pressed), the present invention has a short period of prohibition (on sequential updating of the internal RAM) while all the temporarily stored video data is transferred to an external storage medium. Moreover, the video data is also compressed with a prescribed compression format before being temporarily stored. This compression shortens the period of prohibition. Additionally, the present invention also displays a frame of the video data in a portion of the display (e.g. a picture-in-picture) when the first external operation is performed.

The Examiner contends Taniguchi discloses a system that stops updating any data into buffer 3 until the system has resumed. (Office Action page 3) However, Taniguchi actually discloses a standard pause operation where the data stops updating for as long as the pause is in effect. This is different from the present invention which prohibits updating for a short period when a pause begins (while the video data is being transferred) and then resumes updating even though the pause is still in effect. Hence, Applicants respectfully assert that neither Sun or Taniguchi discloses an analogous prohibition on sequential updating as meant in the present claims.

Accordingly, for at least this reason, Sun and Taniguchi fail to obviate the present invention and the rejected claims should now be allowed.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.
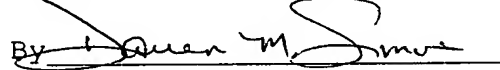
If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's

attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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